Steve, Happy New Year to you as well. Apologies that we did not connect while **(b) (6)** .

I will give you a call later today to give you an overview of what has happened. Would 4pm work for you? If not tomorrow morning is better for me (meetings back to back today).

Thank you,

Peter

From: Steve Todd [mailto:stodd@Suquamish.nsn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Murchie, Peter
Subject: Navy Ex-Independence hull cleaning

Hi Peter,

Happy New Year. **(b) (6)**

We last spoke by phone on Friday, Dec. 16 just prior to **(b) (6)** At that time I understood that the EPA was meeting with the Navy to discuss the Navy's proposal to clean the hull of the Ex-Independence aircraft carrier that has been in Sinclair Inlet since 1998. The hull cleaning is to occur this winter prior to transporting the vessel to Texas.

On Monday, Dec. 19, I learned that the Navy had canceled the Dec. 19 meeting, and that you were not (or no longer) the POC at EPA for the Navy's hull cleaning action (it was my understanding that you were the POC with EPA, apologies if this was not the case). I'm trying to get some clarity as to 1) who the POC is at EPA for this action, and 2) what the EPA's current position is on the need for any permit(s) to conduct the action.

I'm concerned that the Navy will begin cleaning the hull prior to additional consultation with the Suquamish Tribe or any regulatory agencies (including EPA). I sent an email to Greg Leicht (my POC with the Navy) earlier this morning, re-stating the Tribe's concern about released hull material being uncontained and depositing at the bottom of Sinclair, and our remaining questions about federal permits needed for the action.

I appreciate any help you can offer.

Thank you, Steve

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